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For the information of the Union meeting we wish to report as follows:

That since the last meeting of the Union, the ministers of the Cape Fear Conference have organized a Ministeral Association. This Association will meet at least four times a year, and perhapts oftener to cultivate good fellowship, to study our problem in the Union meeting, the conference, and the churches, as well as ministerial problems with the sole idea in mind of being helpful by advance study of all of our problem, and with such recommendations as we may deem advisable and endeavor to solve some of the problems.

The Association desires ~~your Secretary~~ to say to the Union Meeting today, in making this report, and in the recommendations that are to follow, That our motives are the best possible, and that we are not undertaking to dictate to the Union, the Conference, or to any of our churches. However, since, the laity look to the Ministry for leadership, and this you should do; for the Bible specifically places this responsibility on the ministry, we believe that we can be most helpful by studing these common problems, and then presenting them to you,

We therefore, ask you to believe us most sincerely when we tell you that as an association of ministers of the Cape Fear Conference, we are taking these measurers for the good of all concerned.

For the good of this Union, the improvement of our programs, and for greater inspiration benefits, we wish to make to you to day the following recommendations.

1. That you consider a resolution defining missions and the duties of the Mission Board, and if you feel that the same is in order, and needful, adopt the same for future guidance.

2. After careful study and consideration by us we are recommedning that ~~#####~~ you adopt the same financila system as that of the Cape Fear Conference, and the North Carolina State Convention, namely to have all money come into the Union in a lump sum, and then be allocated by a committee according to the needs, with the exception of the money coming in for Aged ministers fund. we think it best, particularly at this time, that the $2.00 requested of each church continue to come in as designated for Aged ministers fund.

3. We have made a careful study of the ~~####~~ program of the Union and have reached the conclusion that we can make the programs far more inspirational by more singing, more preaching, Etc, and thus making the Union more enjoyable to all who attend, and further ~~if~~ we would eleminate the reading of the church letters and use the following system instead, namely: Have the letters pacived and passed directly to a committee ~~#####~~ ~~#####~~ on finance, and then having them to report as follows.

Numbe of churches represented by delegates, names of churches

represented by letter. Names of churches not represented, total amount received by churches for Aged ministers. total amount recived in lump sum to be allocated for all purposes. Funds apportioned or allocated by us as follows:

Disabled ministers..... $.....

Home Missions..... $.....

State Missions..... $.....

National Association
unified program..... $.....

For orphanage..... $.....

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Total allocations.....$.....

By substituting this system, you would get more information from the reports of the churches, the report can be read in less than 5 minutes, and you would save nearly I to I- I/2 hours time during the program, which could be devoted to something more profitable, such as singing of special songs, an extra sermon, and anything special that you would want to have of an inspiritual nature.

4. Since the church Extension system has been superceeded by the organization of the Church Finance Corp., we see no reason that we continue to carry a church extension fund, and after due consideration we recommend that same be droped by the Union, and that all funds now in the treasury of the Union for Church Extension be transferred to the Church Finance Corporation, and that in the future we continue to allocate some of our funds for the Church Finance Corp.

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We wish to farther report to you that we now have a committee studing Evangelism with the view of an increased emphasis on saving the lost, the preaching of the gospel in new field within the Cape Fear Conference territory with the hope that we may soon have new churches spring up to the credit of our denomination, and the glory of our Christ and Redeemer. We shall report to you at a later date when we have completed our study of this subject.

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We are also studing territorial expansion of our conference. We believe it quite possible to have alsmost double the number of churches we have now. This requires

study and careful planning and when we have completed our plans we shall impart this information to you.

The Association also desires us to say to this union that it will take both the laymen and the ministry working hand-in-hand, so to speak, to reach our objectives. Therefore, let us put our efforts together and pull with all our might towards the coveted goals.

The Ministerial Association of the
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